

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.
PCT/SE 03/01127

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER		
IPC7: C12N 15/10, C07H 1/06, C07H 1/08 According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC		
B. FIELDS SEARCHED		
Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)		
IPC7: C12N, C07H, C12Q		
Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched		
SE,DK,FI,NO classes as above		
Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)		
EPO-INTERNAL, WPI-DATA, PAJ, BIOSIS, MEDLINE, CHEM. ABS DATA, EMBASE		
C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT		
Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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X	Biopolymers, Volume 31, 1991, Alexander V. Kabanov et al: "DNA Interpolyelectrolyte Complexes as a Tool for Efficient Cell Transformation", page 1437 - page 1443, page 1439, left column	1-3,10
Y	--	1-17
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A	Macromol. Biosci., Volume 2, no. 2, 2002, Alexander N. Zelikin et al: "Polyelectrolyte complexes Formed by Calf Thymus DNA and Aliphatic Ionenenes: Unexpected Change in Stability upon Variation of Chain Length of Ionenenes of Different Charge Density", page 78 - page 81, page 81, right column, paragraph 2 --	1-17
A	EP 0281390 A2 (LYLE, J. ARNOLD JR.), 7 Sept 1988 (07.09.88), page 6, lines 52-61, page 7, line 85 - page 8, line 7, page 17, example 15 --	1-17
A	US 2002010145 A1 (RICHARD C. WILLSON, III ET AL), 24 January 2002 (24.01.02) --	1-16
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A	US 5010183 A (DONALD E. MACFARLANE), 23 April 1991 (23.04.91), column 2, lines 48-52, column 3, lines 24-36 --	1-16

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. ☒ Claims Nos.: **1-9, 11-17 all partially**
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

see next sheet

3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Due to the expression "a highly charged linear polymer that comprises quaternary amino groups", present claim 1 (and dependent claims 2-8 and 10-17) relate to an extremely large number of possible methods. Support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT is to be found, however, for only a very small proportion of the methods claimed. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible.

Consequently, the search has been focused on those parts of the claims which appear to be supported and disclosed, namely those parts related to a method involving the precipitating agents used in the examples of the description (poly(N',N'-dimethyldiallylammonium chloride)) and the agents mentioned in present claim 10. An attempt has also been made to search for the general aspects of precipitation of nucleic acid with a highly charged linear polymer that comprises quaternary amino groups.

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